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By: **Senator Frosh**

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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems - Inspections During Property**  
3 **Transfers - Qualifications of Inspector**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring persons who are engaged in the business of inspecting  
5 on-site sewage disposal systems under certain circumstances to make certain  
6 certifications to the Maryland Department of the Environment; requiring  
7 persons who are engaged in the business of inspecting on-site sewage disposal  
8 systems under certain circumstances to make certain information available to  
9 persons contracting for the inspection service; directing the Maryland  
10 Department of the Environment to adopt regulations to implement the  
11 provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the qualifications of persons  
12 engaged in the business of inspecting on-site sewage disposal systems.

13 BY adding to  
14 Article - Environment  
15 Section 9-217.1  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article - Environment**

21 9-217.1.

22 (A) AFTER JULY 1, 1999, EVERY PERSON ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF  
23 INSPECTING AN ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM FOR A TRANSFER OF PROPERTY  
24 MUST CERTIFY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT THAT THE PERSON HAS  
25 COMPLETED A COURSE OF INSTRUCTION, APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT, IN THE  
26 PROPER INSPECTION OF ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS.

27 (B) EVERY PERSON ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF INSPECTING AN ON-SITE  
28 SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM FOR A TRANSFER OF PROPERTY SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE

1 TO PERSONS CONTRACTING FOR THE INSPECTION SERVICE EVIDENCE OF  
2 COMPLETION OF THE COURSE OF INSTRUCTION.

3 (C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE  
4 PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 October 1, 1998.